

Let's assume the array is supposed to have numbers from 1 to  $n$ , but one number is missing, and one number is repeated. Let the missing number be  $M$  and the repeated number be  $R$ .

## Step-by-Step Derivation:

### 1. Sum of the First $n$ Natural Numbers:

The sum of the first  $n$  natural numbers is given by:

$$S_n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

### 2. Sum of the Squares of the First $n$ Natural Numbers:

The sum of the squares of the first  $n$  natural numbers is given by:

$$S_{n^2} = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

### 3. Calculate the Actual Sum and Sum of Squares:

Let the actual sum of the elements in the array be  $S_{\text{actual}}$  and the actual sum of the squares of the elements be  $S_{\text{actual squares}}$ .

### 4. Form the Equations:

Since the sum  $S_{\text{actual}}$  differs from  $S_n$  by  $R - M$ :

$$S_{\text{actual}} = S_n + R - M$$

Similarly, the sum of the squares  $S_{\text{actual squares}}$  differs from  $S_{n^2}$  by  $R^2 - M^2$ :

$$S_{\text{actual squares}} = S_{n^2} + R^2 - M^2$$

### 5. Substitute the Known Values:

Using the values  $S_n$  and  $S_{n^2}$ , substitute them into the equations:

$$S_{\text{actual}} = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + R - M$$

$$S_{\text{actual squares}} = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} + R^2 - M^2$$

### 6. Simplify the Equations:

From the first equation, we get:

$$R - M = S_{\text{actual}} - \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \quad (\text{Equation 1})$$

From the second equation, since  $R^2 - M^2 = (R - M)(R + M)$ :

$$R^2 - M^2 = S_{\text{actual squares}} - \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

Substituting  $R - M$  from Equation 1:

$$(R - M)(R + M) = S_{\text{actual squares}} - \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

Let  $D = R - M$ .

Then:

$$D(R + M) = S_{\text{actual squares}} - \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

Hence:

$$R + M = \frac{S_{\text{actual squares}} - \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}}{D}$$

## 7. Solve for $R$ and $M$ :

Now, you have two equations:

$$R - M = D \quad (\text{Equation 1})$$

$$R + M = \frac{S_{\text{actual squares}} - \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}}{D} \quad (\text{Equation 2})$$

Adding and subtracting these equations will give you  $R$  and  $M$ :

Adding Equation 1 and Equation 2:

$$2R = D + \frac{S_{\text{actual squares}} - \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}}{D}$$

$$R = \frac{D + \frac{S_{\text{actual squares}} - \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}}{D}}{2}$$

Subtracting Equation 1 from Equation 2:

$$2M = \frac{S_{\text{actual squares}} - \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}}{D} - D$$

$$M = \frac{\frac{S_{\text{actual squares}} - \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}}{D} - D}{2}$$

This derivation allows you to find the missing number  $M$  and the repeated number  $R$  in the array.

The Tortoise and Hare cycle detection algorithm, also known as Floyd's Cycle Detection Algorithm, is a pointer algorithm that uses two pointers to detect a cycle in a sequence.

It's commonly used to detect cycles in linked lists but can be applied to any scenario where cycle detection is required.

## Derivation and Explanation

### Problem Statement

Given a sequence of elements, we want to determine whether there is a cycle, and if so, find the entry point of the cycle.

### Concept

The algorithm uses two pointers:

1. **Tortoise (slow pointer):** Moves one step at a time.
2. **Hare (fast pointer):** Moves two steps at a time.

### Steps of the Algorithm

#### 1. Initialization:

- Start both pointers at the beginning of the sequence.

#### 2. Phase 1: Cycle Detection:

- Move the Tortoise by one step and the Hare by two steps in each iteration.
- If there is a cycle, at some point, the Tortoise and Hare will meet inside the cycle.
- If the Hare reaches the end of the sequence (null), then there is no cycle.

#### 3. Phase 2: Finding the Entry Point:

- Once a cycle is detected (Tortoise and Hare meet), move the Tortoise to the start of the sequence.
- Keep the Hare at the meeting point.
- Move both pointers one step at a time; the point where they meet again is the entry point of the cycle.

## Detailed Derivation

### Phase 1: Cycle Detection

#### 1. Initialization:

- Let Tortoise = head
- Let Hare = head

#### 2. Move Pointers:

- Move the Tortoise one step at a time: Tortoise = Tortoise.next
- Move the Hare two steps at a time: Hare = Hare.next.next

#### 3. Check for Cycle:

- If Hare meets Tortoise, a cycle is detected.
- If Hare reaches the end of the sequence, there is no cycle.

## Phase 2: Finding the Entry Point

### 1. Initialization:

- Move the Tortoise to the start of the sequence:  $\text{Tortoise} = \text{head}$
- Keep the Hare at the meeting point.

### 2. Move Pointers:

- Move both pointers one step at a time:
  - $\text{Tortoise} = \text{Tortoise.next}$
  - $\text{Hare} = \text{Hare.next}$

### 3. Finding the Entry Point:

- The point where Tortoise and Hare meet again is the entry point of the cycle.

## Mathematical Explanation

Let's assume there is a cycle in the sequence, and let:

- $L$  be the length from the start of the sequence to the start of the cycle.
- $C$  be the length of the cycle.
- $k$  be the distance from the start of the cycle to the meeting point of Tortoise and Hare.

When the Tortoise and Hare meet, the distance covered by the Tortoise is:  $L + k$

The distance covered by the Hare is twice that of the Tortoise:  $2(L + k)$

However, the Hare has also completed an extra cycle:  $L + k + mC$

Where  $m$  is the number of cycles completed by the Hare.

Equating the distances:  $2(L + k) = L + k + mC$

Solving for  $L$ :  $L + k = mC$

This means the distance from the start to the start of the cycle  $L$  is a multiple of the cycle length  $C$ .

When we reset the Tortoise to the start of the sequence and move both pointers one step at a time, they will meet at the start of the cycle after  $L$  steps, which confirms the entry point of the cycle.

## Example

Consider the sequence  $[3, 2, 0, -4]$  where the position 1 is the start of the cycle:

### 1. Phase 1: Cycle Detection

- Initialize: Tortoise = 3, Hare = 3
- Step 1: Tortoise = 2, Hare = 0
- Step 2: Tortoise = 0, Hare = -4
- Step 3: Tortoise = -4, Hare = 0 (Cycle detected)

### 2. Phase 2: Finding the Entry Point

- Initialize: Tortoise = 3, Hare = 0
- Step 1: Tortoise = 2, Hare = 2 (Entry point found)

This example demonstrates the Tortoise and Hare algorithm successfully detecting the cycle and finding its entry point.